

**Senate Health and Welfare Committee 1**

**Amendment No. 1 to SB0941**

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**Signature of Sponsor**

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 941**

**House Bill No. 944\***

by deleting Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-2-105, is hereby amended  
by deleting subsection (c) and substituting the following:

(c)

(1) In addition to the powers, responsibilities, and duties granted to the commission, the commission shall operate an outreach and counseling program through the state health insurance assistance program (SHIP) that will provide residents of this state with information, education, and counseling relative to medicare, TennCare, medigap, enrollment in medicare prescription drug plans (Part D), and the accompanying low-income subsidy, finding help with the cost of prescription drugs during coverage gaps and access to drugs not covered under Part D, medicare advantage options, long-term care planning and insurance, claims and billing problem resolution, information and referral on public benefit programs, employer and retiree health insurance options for those with medicare, and VA benefits and other military health insurance for those with medicare.

(2) Minimally, such outreach shall include:

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(A) A program to assist medicare-eligible persons in processing the necessary documents in order to participate in the programs in subdivision (c)(1);

(B) A toll-free number manned during business hours to provide information regarding the programs outlined in subdivision (c)(1);

(C) A web site or referral to web site links that provide information regarding the programs outlined in subdivision (c)(1);  
and

(D) Presentations to senior groups regarding the availability of the programs outlined in subdivision (c)(1).

(3) The commission shall implement the outreach program within the commission's available resources.

(4) The commission may delegate any of the responsibilities to a private or public contractor.

(5) The commission is authorized to make application for grants to fund programs set out in subdivision (c)(1).

(6) The commission may adopt rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, to implement this subsection (c).

(7) Nothing in this part or chapter 5, part 14 of this title shall authorize the commission to exercise any control or authority over any aspect of the administration of programs for home and community based long-term care that are operating on the basis of federal waivers in effect on June 19, 2001.

**AND FURTHER AMEND** by deleting Section 2 in its entirety and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly.